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Re:	Serial No. 10/714,884	**CC:**	

Dear Ms. Torres,

Thank you for your telephone call today. As mentioned in my telephone message, I propose to amend the claim to remove the alternative language. With the alternative language removed, the objection to the drawings should be overcome.

We will also need to cancel claim 131.

If you are accepting of the attached amendment of claim 129 and the canceling of claim 131, I hereby approve the changes by examiner's amendment.

If you accept this proposal by May 1, 2006, no extension fee is required. If, however, an extension or other fee is required, then, I authorize charging the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3585.

Thanks.

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129. (Currently Amended) A wear assembly for an excavator having a digging edge, the wear assembly comprising an adapter fixed to the excavator, a wear member, and a lock to secure the wear member to the adapter, ~~one of~~ the adapter ~~and wear member~~ having a nose and the ~~other of the adapter and~~ wear member having a socket for receiving the nose, the nose and the ~~socket~~ wear member each having converging walls converging toward a front end, and opposite sidewalls, ~~one of~~ the ~~socket or~~ nose including at least one rail extending from a sidewall thereof and oriented at the same general inclination as one of the converging walls, and the ~~other of said~~ socket ~~or nose~~ including at least one groove into which the rail is received, wherein the socket is defined by opposed converging surfaces each extending at an inclination to the longitudinal axis of the socket and by side surfaces wherein at least one said side surface includes a lateral surface between the converging surfaces as a part of the at least one groove to engage the rail, and wherein each said lateral surface faces toward one of the converging surfaces and extends generally in the same inclined direction relative to the longitudinal axis as the converging surface the lateral surface faces.